
MEMORANDUM - OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Michael Branley, Town Administrator
RE: Weekly Update
DATE: May 18, 2015
CC:

Next Board of Selectmen meeting Monday 5/18 at 6:30 p.m.

OTHER UPCOMING MEETINGS: 5/20 at 7:00 p.m. at FES Police Department Public Forum

REMINDER: 5/25 is Memorial Day, a Town Holiday

This week I am meeting with the town administrators for Lyndeborough, Greenfield, and New Boston to discuss collectively purchasing heating fuels to get a better price.

As you see in your Items to Sign, the finalized lease for the Town Beach has been signed and received from the Humphreys. This lease will give the Town security regarding our beach needs for the next 25 years and now contains a cap on the periodic rent increases that give us a degree of cost certainty.

On Wednesday Fred and I met to compare the binder the Police Department has for ordinances approved by the Town or Board of Selectmen to confirm that his records are up to date. Many of them have not been reviewed for some time and we should probably try to begin a schedule of periodically reviewing and updating them. I also continued to review the Police Department budget to date and based on some projections will present to you information for you to consider.

On Friday Dave and Tim Northcott were in the office again. They made a few other finishing touches to put us in position to run the property tax warrant. We also discussed the Crotched Mountain Golf Course BTLA case regarding the 2013 value and we continued our negotiations by sending an email to the taxpayer's representative. I will let you know when we hear back. We have also received two finalized abatement recommendations for residential properties for your review. The FairPoint and PSNH/Eversource abatements have been forwarded to Sansoucy and the Golf Course abatement is being held pending our 2013 abatement settlement discussions.

Town Hall Update –Michael Bruss, Michael P., Elly, Brad, and I had a conference on Tuesday where Michael Bruss presented us with a proposed timeline for the project, we discussed some of the other information we needed to gather, and decisions that needed to be made. We agreed to move forward assuming a project management structure because it seemed to unquestionably be the preferable structure, both based on the specifics for the project but also based on the Town's

interest in utilizing local talent wherever possible. We will be sitting down again tomorrow to review a revised schedule and to follow-up on some of our prior discussions. It has also been brought up that the Thulander Building Heritage Museum is still getting its power and alarm service through the Town Hall. Michael P. indicated that this is not code compliant and should be resolved as soon as possible (prior to the construction at the Town Hall). Curator Bill McAuley spoke to Bruce Harrington who indicated he could get the electrical service set up when he does the lighting installation in the interior of the building. Bill also spoke to Capital Alarm and to get a separate panel set up that should cost in the neighborhood of \$500.